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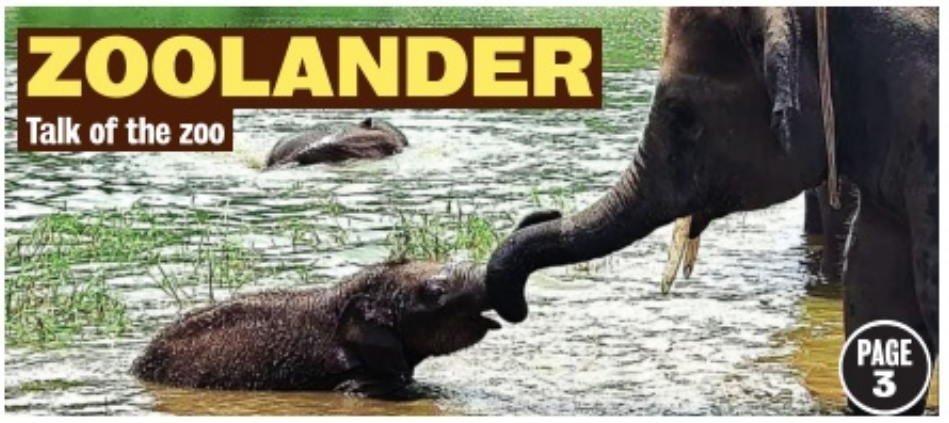

Millers Road renovated by Smart City has dysfunctional streetlights and asphalt coming off, residents complain

THRILL IS GONE AT MILLERS ROAD

Safe passage of pedestrians at risk as crossing removed

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Some time ago, Millers Road was chosen for renovation by Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) under the Smart City project which included laying of underground water pipeline and cables, asphalting of the road, widening the footpath, installing electric poles and so forth.

However, residents of the area are now complaining on a regular basis that the road is wearing out and the street lights are not working.

The residents pointed out that new street lights fixed during the project have not been functioning properly. The stretch of road, from hotel Chandrika, near the High Grounds police station has started to wear out. Complaints have been raised with the authorities several times in this regard; however, no action has been taken yet.

A flat raised pedestrian crossing which was present near Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital was removed when BSCL started work — now the absence of the crossing is proving to be a risk for pedestrians

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Road blocked at Vikram Hospital and St Anne's School Road, on Millers Road, due to BWSSB work in progress, in 2021 (File Photo); (Inset) A damaged manhole on Millers Road in October 2022 (File Photo)

"We waited for this stretch to be completed for two years... And now, it is clear, it was not done properly — Resident

Why Namma BMTC app needs some tweaks

In some cases, buses wrongly mapped to different routes, leading to false display of estimated time of arrival

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After a two year-long gap, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) finally launched its mobile application. Namma BMTC app went live about a week ago.

In addition to live tracking of buses, the application has an SOS feature to facilitate safe travel for female passengers, alongside other features such as fare calculator as well as locations of the nearest bus stops. While commuters have welcomed the move, they have flagged many issues that need to be rectified.

Currently, the application has seen more than 10,000 downloads and has been tracking 4,297 buses. The BMTC operates 5,568 buses and has a daily ridership of around 30 lakh passengers.

"The app is a good start towards live tracking of buses. However, there is scope for improvement with respect to bus-route mapping, availability of live tracking for all the buses, and some mismatches," said Yathish Kumar, one of the founders of

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Handmade love

Grab an opportunity to visit the Bengaluru Arts and Crafts Mela, which is being organised by Grand Flea Market. You can find various kinds of dresses, ornamental items, boutique prints, designer furniture, and more. The fair aims to encourage and promote the artisans. You can expect a visual treat with artifacts at one single place. **Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath**
When: May 1 to 7; 7 am to 7 pm

02 Deal with finance

Here's a chance for you to understand finances well or be more independent with money management as a woman entrepreneur. UN Women and Bombay Stock Exchange in collaboration with HerMoneyTalks is organising Finempowerment along with Ubuntu Consortium for women entrepreneurs.
Where: Rotary Club of Bangalore, Lavelle Road
When: May 5; 9:30 am to 1 pm

This jab will aid fight against cervical cancer

Experts call for wide adoption of HPV vaccine to prevent second most common cancer among women in India; say vaccination recommended from 9 to 26 years of age and optional until 45

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Cervical cancer is the fourth most prevalent cancer among women worldwide, and in India, it is the second most common cancer found among women. This World Immunisation Week, health experts sought the widespread incorporation of the HPV vaccine, which prevents cervical cancer, into routine vaccination programmes.

The HPV vaccine is a vaccine devised to prevent cervical cancer, which is caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). It is a significant success story in medical research, preventing this particular cancer in 80-90 per cent of cases with two or three lifetime vaccination doses.

"Developing countries like India have higher death rates from cervical cancer. Most HPV vaccines cover the two important strains of HPV, 16 and 18, and there are three types of vaccination available. Incorporating this vaccine into India's routine vaccination programme can be a significant economic burden, but the new indigenous brands have reduced costs significantly, in turn reducing the burden on the healthcare system," said Dr Niti Krishna Raizada, Senior Director Medical - Oncology and Hemato-Oncology, Fortis Hospitals.

The vaccine is given in two doses, six months apart for younger individuals, and is recommended for both women and men

Vaccination is recommended from nine years of age until 26 years of age (optional until 45 years of age), with the most common age group being 10-11 years, she added.

The vaccine is given in two doses, six months apart for younger individuals, and is recommended for both women and men, as genital warts can occur in both genders. Among women, vaccination prevents cervical, vaginal, and vulva cancer, while for men, it can prevent penile and anal cancers associated with HPV.

"The reduction in the incidence of HPV has resulted in a remarkable decrease in genital warts in countries where this vaccine is part of the routine immunisation programme. Reducing the incidence of HPV is likely to eventually lead to a reduction in cervical cancer, making HPV a surrogate marker," explained Dr Raizada.

> **"Developing countries like India have higher death rates from cervical canccer. Most HPV vaccines cover the two strains** – Dr Raizada

The Centre recently announced plans to administer the HPV vaccine to girls aged nine to 14 in six states. This first phase of the vaccination campaign is expected to target 2.55 crore girls in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh.

The Serum Institute of India introduced an indigenous HPV vaccine against cervical cancer called CERVAVAC recently. The director of Government and Regulatory Affairs at the Serum Institute, Prakash Kumar Singh, has written a letter to the Health Ministry saying that CERVAVAC will be available in the private market for Rs 2,000 per dose in a two-dose glass vial presentation. Currently, only one HPV vaccine, Gardasil, produced by an American multinational, Merck, is available in India's private market for Rs 10,850 in a single-dose pre-filled syringe presentation.

Dr Abhilasha Narayan, Consultant - Gynaec Oncology, HCG Cancer Centre said, "HPV vaccines are a game-changer in cervical cancer prevention, effectively stopping persistent infections and the development of precancerous lesions. It's important to remember that while HPV vaccination is a vital preventive measure, it is not a treatment for precancerous conditions or cancer itself and is not a replacement for regular cervical cancer screening."

03 Acting scenes

Eureka Events Bengaluru, which is a cultural organisation affiliated to Brihan Maharashtra Mandal New Delhi is presenting a play in Bengaluru. The play features one of the most popular Marathi actors Bharat Jadhav in four roles. This Marathi play narrates how a successful businessman suddenly vanishes and his family members want to have his entire property.
Where: St John's Auditorium, Koramangala
When: May 7; 10 am and 4 pm (two shows)

A glorious tribute paid in Sattriya dance

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Nartan Yatra, an evening of Sattriya recital, was organised at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram, in memory of late Karnataka Kalashree Ranganayaki Rajan.

Sridevi Jagannath from the United States of America and Rohini Ananth from the United Arab Emirates performed Sattriya dance to pay tribute to Kalashree Ranganayaki Rajan, who passed away in 2020 due to cancer. Sridevi is the daughter of Rangayaki Rajan, and Rohini is her daughter-in-law.

Group Captain P Anand Naidu (retired), Director of IASC, Natyacharya Padmini Ravi, and Dr Lalitha Srinivasan, Director of Nupura, were the chief guests at the function. Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar awardees Dipjyoti Das and Dipankar Arandhara from Assam were present on the occasion.

Sattriya, which originated in Assam, was introduced in the 15th century by Vaishnava saint Sankaradeva for the propagation of Vaishnava faith. Sridevi and Rohini are trained in two classical dance forms: Bharatanatyam and Sattriya. Both of them are the disciples of Adhyapak Dipankar Arandhara and Adhyapak Dipjyoti Das in Sattriya (Kamala Bari Thul) and Guru Padmini Ravi and Guru Shobna Balachandra in Bharatanatyam.

Sridevi Jagannath and Rohini Ananth with their teachers Dipjyoti Das and Dipankar Arandhara

"We have been training for about four years. Having been trained in Bharatanatyam for over four decades, adapting to a whole new classical dance form has been a challenge. It is also extremely exciting to embrace Assam and its rich culture as part of training in this art form," said Rohini.

All roads lead to the zoo, of course

Between April 2022- March 2023, Bannerghatta Biological Park saw 20L visitors; revenue surpasses pre-covid levels

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The little new arrivals are the star attractions all year round

Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) appears to have beaten the pandemic blues like nobody's business. According to park authorities, the number of visitors and revenue collected during the last financial year (April 2022 – March 2023) has surpassed the pre-covid level. The park has recorded an increase of nearly 70% in revenue generation compared to the pre-covid financial year (2019-20).

Between April 2022 and March 2023, over 20 lakh people visited the park, leading to revenue to the tune of Rs 53.9 crore. In 2019-20, nearly 16 lakh visitors swung by, and Rs 31.9 crore was generated in revenue. "Revenue generation and footfall at BBP has crossed pre covid level by a big margin. Even in the current month (April) this year, day-wise revenue is much higher compared with last year's. While total revenue generated in April 2022 was nearly Rs 3.7 crore, by April 24 this time, we have already generated nearly Rs 4.8 crore," said Dr Sunil Panwar, chief conservator of forest and executive director, BBP.

Zoo officials say apart from a surge in revenge travel post-covid, better infrastructure facilities and new attractions added by BBP are the main reasons behind this surge in footfall and revenue. BBP also received a facelift recently, when G20 delegates visited the park and went on an animal safari.

"This increase was noticed after covid restrictions were relaxed. However, better revenue generated is also due to revamping the park's safari experience. All the safaris have newly laid roads and when visitors enjoy their trips, word of mouth spreads. We have also added new attractions such as an anaconda closure, zebra giving birth to a foal and a male white tiger brought in from Chennai. We have noticed that footfall skyrockets every time there is positive news about the park," added Dr Panwar.

While the revenue generated is at an all-time high already, park authorities say they are expecting it to grow further. The newly started leopard safari is one attraction that is expected to pull more visitors over the coming days. While the safari has already begun, currently it is not fully functional.

According to the zoo officials, the safari will become fully operational once solar fencing work is completed post the upcoming assembly elections. Even though visitors can see leopards only in confined spaces currently, officials say the leopard safari is turning out to be a big attraction.

Once fully functional, hand-reared leopards will be left in bigger space, so people can see these cats in their natural habitat.

"We are waiting to get solar fencing done to ensure the safety of the visitors before we can leave the leopards in a much bigger area. We plan to float the tender for the solar fencing project by the end of May. Leopards are shy animals and like to hide behind bushes when they spot human beings. But these leopards are born in the zoo or rescued, hand fed, and hand reared. To be on the safer side, we want to keep only hand-reared leopards in safari," said Dr Panwar. "Since the summer holidays have started, we are receiving nearly 25,000 visitors daily. This number is expected to go up over this and coming month," informed a BBP official.

Year	No. of Visitors	Revenue (in Rs)
2022-23	20,22,997	53,89,75,345
2020-21	5,54,076	13,35,38,746
2019-20	16,46,034	31,99,79,975
2018-19	16,61,974	30,19,12,819
2017-18	15,58,142	25,72,37,855

Better skate than never at Cubbon Park

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Cubbon Park is well-known for its expansive roads and walkways that offer ample space for various leisure activities. However, the park now doesn't seem to have space to accommodate skaters. On Sunday, several people were asked to stop skating. This is the second time they have been restrained at the park.

In 2020 too skaters were barred at the park after which they had written a letter and then the Horticulture Department had allowed them back in. Now, without any announcement to the public, suddenly the skaters are being stopped again.

On Sunday an argument broke out between the security officials and skaters.

A member of Bengaluru skaters group said, "On weekends, over 150-200 skaters had come together to skate at the Cubbon park. From two weeks, we are being stopped. We had an argument with the security officials who were stopping us and they said that they are just following orders. Over the past seven years, we have taught skating to over 3,000 people, and we have seen many skaters come and go. Despite facing opposition, we remain committed to promoting skating as a healthy and enjoyable activity."

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New entry in not-to-do hitlist of Cubbon Park

BM had reported on April 24 that skating had been banned at Cubbon Park all of a sudden

The skating community has even reached out to the Horticulture Department to question them about the rule, but they have been unresponsive.

A regular skater at Cubbon Park said, said, "It's frustrating to see such a lack of communication and transparency from the authorities. If there are any concerns about skating in the park, we would be more than happy to address them and work towards finding a solution."

The skaters are now planning to write a letter to the Horticulture Department and further start a PIL if they continued to be barred from the park.

Constable ends life

A police head constable is said to have died by suicide in Agalakuppe, Nelamangala. The deceased has been identified as Umesh, 37. He was working as Head Constable in Kudur police station of Magadi Taluk. Five months ago, his four-and-a-half-year-old daughter died due to illness and he was said to be in a state of depression. He was also suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes. He went to a farm nearby on his bike to end his life.

Student jumps to death

A student is said to have jumped from the 7th floor at the police quarters near Binny Mill. The deceased has been identified as Aisha BR, who was studying BSc Computer Science. She left behind a death note in which she says she was ending her life as her family wasn't approving of her boyfriend. Aisha was said to have been in love with a young man named Bhimesh. But the family did not approve of their love. She had written her boyfriend's mobile number on her hand, asking that he be informed about her death.

The incident took place in Cottonpet police station limits.

Murder on campus: 1 arrested

The Bagalur police have arrested one person in connection with the murder of a student at the Reva University. A search is on for Anil, the main accused in the case. Bharatesh is the arrested accused. According to the sources, a cultural program was organised in the college on Friday. At this time, the clash between the two groups ended in the murder of Bhaskar Jetty, who hailed from Gujarat. Sarath and Bharatesh got into a fight with their friends. Anil stabbed Bhaskar in the chest with a knife. According to the sources, students had brought knives and rod to the programme.

Harassment charge against cop

A complaint has been lodged with the city police commissioner against an inspector on the charge of breaking into a house where there were women and children at midnight. A complaint has been filed against Subramanya Nagar police station inspector Sharan Gowda to city police commissioner Pratap Reddy. According to the sources, the police went to arrest one Rajkumar at night. There is an allegation that the police misbehaved with the man's wife and daughter who were at home at that time.

'Byju's brought more FDI to India than any other startup'

After the Enforcement Directorate searched Byju's premises, the education platform's CEO Byju Raveendran wrote to employees saying the company brought more FDI to India than any other startup and that the firm fully complies with all applicable foreign exchange laws. India's most valuable startup, Byju's was once valued at USD 22 billion and has attracted global investors such as General Atlantic, BlackRock and Sequoia Capital. "As we are funded by 70+ impact investors who have satisfactorily done due diligence on our operations, including all FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) compliance, we are confident that the authorities will also come to the same conclusion," Raveendran said in the memo sent late on Saturday, which was seen by PTI.

ED had on Saturday searched three premises in Bengaluru linked to the company over alleged foreign exchange law violations. Searches at 'Think & Learn Private Limited' (Byju's online learning platform) yielded "various incriminating documents and digital data was seized", ED had said. **PTI**

Noisy neighbourhood is thief of joy in this area

Locality in Bagmane Tech Park is subject to noise pollution even at night

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For residents living in the vicinity of Bagmane Tech Park in CV Raman Nagar, it is getting increasingly difficult to carry out their day-to-day activities due to high levels of dust and noise pollution.

The noise levels have been so high that some residents decided to measure the decibel values during the day. "We measured the noise pollution on our phone through a software. We closed all doors and windows of our apartment, and the noise meter showed a value of 65 dB," said a resident.

As per Central Pollution Control Board specifications, the permissible sound level (dB) in a residential area during the day is 55 dB, and during the night, it is 45 dB. "They have earth movers to break big boulders into smaller chunks and dump them into trucks. When plying up and down, the trucks are causing a lot of dust and unbearable noise, which gets louder during the night hours.

The residents had flagged the issue of many rules being violated at the construction site, including construction dust in the area

> **"We measured the noise pollution on our phone through a software...The noise meter showed a value of 65 dB** – Resident

The construction activity goes on during the night hours too sometimes. The contractor has been using a genset to pump cement at night. We wake up from our sleep many times," said another resident living in an apartment complex in the area.

The residents had flagged the issue of many rules being violated at the construction site, including construction dust in the area. They allege that children have developed dust allergies after construction began a year ago. Those facing issues say they have reached out to the local police station multiple times regarding night-time construction. While the police have helped on some occasions, it continues time and again.

Under existing laws regulating construction sites, police have the power to not only register complaints but also control work hours and seize equipment. "When cops intervene and keep a watch on the site, construction stops. However, they start again after a gap of a couple of nights.

We are desperately looking for a permanent solution," said another resident.

Bogged down, residents are now contemplating reaching out to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to complain about the illegal construction activities.

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Lack of safety checks at construction site in CV Raman Nagar has children living in vicinity falling sick frequently
BOOM DUST
BM's report on April 23 spoke of residents here developing dust allergies due to construction

Jayanagar complex reconstruction: 'We vote, you work'

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With the election campaign gaining momentum, residents of the Jayanagar Assembly constituency urge politicians in the fray to work towards the completion of the reconstruction of the Jayanagar shopping complex. Some residents holding placards staged a protest. A few placards had slogans such as 'complex is the heart of Jayanagar' and 'public land is our land'.

The 'Save Jayanagar Shopping Complex' campaign was launched online to request the candidates in the fray to be elected as an MLA to work towards the completion of the structure. The petition stated that the good old complex was a landmark of Bengaluru, a hallmark of a well-planned city that housed numerous commercial shops, a single-screen movie theatre (Sri Puttanna Theater), an indoor vegetable market, an RTO Office, railway reservation counter, banks, Cauvery Emporium, and Janata Bazar.

"This structure was demolished in phases to build a new and modern building. But as we see today, only a part of the plan has been executed, and a building has been constructed and launched on the south side where Sri Puttanna Theater once stood. We have witnessed a very long delay for this structure to come to life and become operational," the petition by the citizens stated. It may be recalled that the authorities demolished Puttanna Theater more than a decade ago. In 2008, a fire destroyed the vegetable market. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) constructed shops for the benefit of those who lost shops at the vegetable market due to the fire.

"The delay for the commencement of the vegetable market has affected many vegetable vendors. We have been trying to convince the authorities to commence the reconstruction of the vegetable market, but in vain," said a vegetable vendor pleading anonymity.

Ramamurthy, one of the shop allottees at the new structure constructed where Puttanna Theatre existed, said that MLA Soumya Reddy and her father Ramalinga Reddy conducted several meetings with the BBMP authorities, but nothing happened due to 'petty politics'.

"The authorities said that all the original tenants (vegetable vendors) and others will be allotted shops at the new building. I have seen a group of people shouting slogans near the shopping complex. I welcome support for the vegetable vendors and the reconstruction of the vegetable market," Ramamurthy added.

Jayanagar residents staged a protest holding placards, urging politicians to carry on reconstruction work at the shopping complex

> **"This structure was demolished in phases to build a new building. But as we see today, only a part of the plan has been executed** – Online petition

Surabhi Hodigere, a resident of the area, said that despite being the heart of the locality, the shopping complex is in a terrible state. "Work on the old complex building is yet to commence. We citizens felt that it was time that this issue was brought to the fore. We want to create awareness and put pressure on authorities for quick action," she said. She further said that around 20 people came together on Saturday for the protest walk and they have gathered close to 500 signatures on the online petition.

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Debris dumper
Ambedkar Layout

Debris has been left by BWSSB for two months now after laying down a pipeline at 2nd Main Road, Ambedkar Layout.

Garbage trouble
Bannerghatta Road

Garbage is accumulating in the drain next to Savoury Hotel, Bannerghatta Road, opposite Chicken County, Bhavani Nagar.

Work left
Cambridge Layout

This footpath at Cambridge Layout bridge to Indiranagar has been left incomplete for two years.

Blood donation becomes a scarce affair

Blood banks report decline in donation camps; receiving 50 units in single day is near impossible, says Indian Red Cross

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Blood banks that supply blood to various city hospitals have reported a shortage in donations. The primary reason for the scenario is a drop in donation camps.

Blood banks have reported a 50 per cent drop in donation camps. Donation camps are the primary source for blood banks in the city to replenish their supply.

"We are seeing a dip in camps this part of the year. Usually, during April–May, we see a dip due to school or college vacations. Due to this, our supply has dropped by 50 per cent. A few days ago, we managed to secure 200 units of blood by conducting a camp. We have been seeing a dip for the past month. Our monthly donation used to be 3,000 units, but now even 1,500 units is becoming difficult. Daily, we used to get 100 units, but now, even 50 units is a near impossible task," said a member of the Indian Red Cross, Karnataka.

The IT-BT cluster in Bengaluru continuing with the work-from-home scenario has also added to the problem, they added.

Furthermore, they said that the model code of conduct has posed an impediment. Usually, political leaders and party workers organise blood donation drives, but due to the model code of conduct in place, they are unable to host these camps. Some political leaders tend to celebrate their birthdays by organising these camps as well.

K'taka Housing Dept: Apathetic or ineffective?

Home-buyers demand probe by independent committee against K-RERA Chairman, as inquiry is being directed to officers who report to Chairman

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If the correspondence between Karnataka Housing Department and Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) is any indication, it seems Karnataka Housing Department officials are apathetic in attending to the complaints of home buyers against K-RERA Chairman.

If any home-buyer lodges a complaint against the K-RERA Chairman or members, Housing Department officials forward those complaints to the K-RERA Secretary who is working under the K-RERA Chairman.

Shailesh Charati, a home-buyer, lodged a complaint with the Karnataka Housing Department Secretary on August 28, 2022 against the irregularities at the K-RERA. The Under Secretary of Housing Department wrote a letter to the K-RERA Secretary on September 3, 2022 along with the complaint copy of Shailesh Charati, directing to submit an action taken report on the complaint within a week.

"I request that the allegations in the complaint be probed by an independent committee with no relation to RERA, Karnataka," said Shailesh.

He said that the Housing Department has delegated the preparation of a preliminary report for his complaint to the Secretary, RERA. "The Deputy Secretary and the Under Secretary report to the Secretary, RERA. The Secretary, RERA reports to the Chairman. How can we expect a subordinate officer to act against his superior officer?" he asked.

Section 26 of RERA Act provides for removal of chairperson and members from office in certain circumstances. The Karnataka Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017 Section 34 specifies the procedure for the same. As per the norms, the Housing Department of Karnataka shall make a preliminary inquiry with respect to such charges against the Chairperson or any Member of the regulatory authority or Appellate Tribunal, as the case may be.

Home-buyers termed the whole process of forwarding complaints as waste of time

> **"The Deputy Secretary and the Under Secretary report to the Secretary, RERA. The Secretary, RERA reports to the Chairman**
>
> –Shailesh Charati, a home-buyer

Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar of Karnataka Home Buyers Forum said that if a complaint has been raised in the government office against an inefficient officer, the investigation should be conducted from another officer who does not report in the same department to have fair justice. "That is the reason, we have Karnataka Lokayukta to investigate and to take action if the government official is found guilty," he said.

Stating that the government must initiate these rules to refer the corruption/dereliction of duty cases to Karnataka Lokayukta so that the investigation can happen fairly, he said that more and more complaints are getting registered against Housing Department, RERA for dereliction of duty and such cases to be investigated by Lokayukta. "But RERA Chairman is kept outside the investigation limits of Karnataka Lokayukta which has given strong immunity to the role and this could be one of the reasons why home buyers are not getting justice in RERA Karnataka and high chances of corruption which is not getting investigated by Karnataka Lokayukta," he said.

Ameya Usgaonkar, another home-buyer who has also lodged a complaint with the Housing Department, termed the whole process of the Under Secretary forwarding complaints to RERA Secretary as a 'waste of time'.

RERA Secretary Ibrahim Maigur said that he cannot prepare a report against RERA Chairman. "I have already replied to the Under Secretary of Housing Department stating that he cannot provide any data based on the complaints lodged against RERA Chairman by aggrieved home-buyers. There is a provision to appeal against the orders passed by RERA authorities," said Maigur.

Meanwhile, Housing Department Under Secretary (RERA) Hemavathy R has said that she followed her higher officer's directive. "I have received a reply for one complaint from the RERA Secretary stating that he could not prepare or submit a report against the RERA Chairman. I am yet to receive a reply on other complaints. I will submit the RERA Secretary's reply to my senior," said Hemvathy.

'Cannot increase rent without rent agreement'

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In a recent development, the High Court has issued an order stating that building owners who fail to register their rent agreements or agreement documents at the sub-registrar's office, as per the regulations, will not be permitted to raise rent every year. While this may be welcomed by tenants, it may be bitter news for owners, as 95 per cent of owners of residential and commercial buildings in the city do not register their contracts related to rental properties.

The primary reasons for owners not registering their agreements are the extra expenses involved in registration and the inconvenience of visiting the sub-registrar's office. According to estimates, only 5 per cent of owners and tenants enter into a tenancy agreement that is registered, and that too only if there is a specific need.

Under the Karnataka Tenancy Act 1999, any premise taken on lease for the purpose of tenancy must be registered. Additionally, it must be registered in the office of the Deputy Registrar by paying the stamp duty, and a copy should be submitted to the competent authority. In case the rental period is more than 11 months, registration becomes mandatory under Section 17(1) of the Registration Act 1988.

"The recent ruling by the High Court states that documents not registered under Section 49 cannot be used to increase the rent unless they can be used as collateral. An unregistered agreement will not have any validity in law, and rent cannot be increased based on such an agreement. However, it can be used as collateral to vacate the tenancy," said an official.

The court's order was issued in response to an appeal filed by Punjab National Bank regarding a rent payment dispute, and the Division Bench headed by CM Poonacha and Justice PS Dinesh Kumar found it to be an essential ruling.

What is going on at Millers Road?

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crossing the road there. A flat raised pedestrian crossing is a type of road crossing designed to provide safe passage for pedestrians across a roadway. It is often built in urban areas where there is a high volume of pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

Rajkumar Dugar, founder of Citizens for Citizens, told BM that due to heavy vehicular movement from Cunningham Road, it is highly risky for the elderly, children, and women to cross the road: "This needs to be restored on an urgent basis. I had highlighted to the BSCL officials about this even before the work started; even while they were half way through the work. We were told that the flat raised pedestrian crossing will be set up again. However, it was not done."

Dugar further added that the street light work on Millers Road is incomplete leaving the area a dark spot. "Some of the street lights are not functioning. Often the street lights are not switched on even till late evening.

The stretch sees many commuters on a daily basis even till late night; hence having the street lights on and functioning properly is crucial. BSCL should provide transparency to the public and come out with contact details of the maintenance agency for all street lights. So, the public can directly contact and complain for grievance redressal. Now, many of the residents are clueless as to where they need to complain."

The residents revealed how there was a huge delay in the Millers Road project work and how after the stretch was completed by BSCL, in no time the stretch began to wear out.

"The road is wearing out in no time. When we ask the officials, they say it is due to high movement of vehicles. But that is not the point. As engineers, they have to use high quality materials and ensure that the road lasts for years together. We waited for this stretch to be completed for two years; there was a huge delay and many residents were disturbed. And now, it is clear that it was not done properly," said a resident.

All eyes on RCB's middle-order as it takes on LSG today

Players of Lucknow Super Giants and Royal Challengers Bangalore practice in Ekana Stadium at Lucknow on Sunday

Royal Challengers Bangalore will aim to shed the over reliance on their celebrated top-order when they face a belligerent Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL in Lucknow on Monday.

RCB have struggled to maintain momentum provided by Virat Kohli, Faf du Plessis and Glenn Maxwell, who have done all the scoring in the eight games so far. With most teams bunched up closely in the standings, the margin for errors has reduced in the second half of the competition.

Kohli, du Plessis and Maxwell can't be expected to do the job in every game and it is high time the likes of Mahipal Lomror, Shahbaz Ahmed and Dinesh Karthik step up. The fielding and catching too needs to improve, something which was pointed by Kohli himself after the loss to KKR.

The former India captain will continue to lead the side unless du Plessis, who has been used as an 'Impact Player', regains full fitness.

Mohammad Siraj has been the stand out bowler for RCB and he needs support from the other fast bowlers. Harshal Patel is tasked with bowling the tough overs but he would want to bring down his economy rate from 9.94.

LSG, on the other hand, head into the game after a thumping victory against Punjab Kings. The batting performance against Punjab was a testament to the firepower they posses. No total is safe when Kyle Mayers, Marcus Stoinis and Nicholas Pooran get going.

Skipper K L Rahul, however, will be the feeling heat and would want to make a statement at LSG's home ground. The pitch in Lucknow has been bit of a letdown and worked against the strengths of the home team.

Offered a batting beauty in Mohali, LSG batters went on the rampage but they have struggled due to the slow nature of the surface here. Rahul and Co. would, however, be expected to put up a much better show than what they managed in their previous home game as they failed to chase 136 from a commanding position.

Spinners have enjoyed bowling in Lucknow with Ravi Bishnoi shouldering the responsibility alongside Amit Mishra. Afghan pacer Naveen Ul Haq has been tidy in the absence of Mark Wood. Avesh Khan has conceded close to 10 runs per over in seven games and he would be looking to change that.

App good start to live tracking

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Friends of BMTC, a Telegram group which was created in order to fill-in for the missing app, where commuters put out live updates of the buses they travelled in.

Arun, a commuter who has been using the app, since its beta launch in December last year, said the recently launched version has made several improvements. On the other hand, he pointed out that a majority of buses are not mapped to the routes they service, even though the vehicles have live tracking systems installed on board.

He added that in some cases, buses are wrongly mapped to a different route on the app, leading to a false display of the estimated time of arrival. "The trip planner does not show all the routes like Google Maps. For example, if I want to travel to Moodalapalya from Konanakunte, there are three options available. But the application only shows one," Arun said.

He noted that the trip planner does not put out a multi-modal solution and suggests only bus routes to travel around the city, whereas incorporating metro travel if feasible, would make it much more convenient to commuters.

Amogh A, another commuter, told BM that many buses have not been mapped to their routes.

"The location of the buses can be seen by entering their registration number but the application does not show the routes the buses are plying," he said adding that a major issue is the location of a few buses not being updated consistently. In some instances, the location of buses has not been updated in a span of months.

"While the application is a good effort in bus live tracking, it should integrate ticket and pass purchasing. Now, there's Tummoc which is a different application for purchasing. However, that does not include ticket purchasing; only passes can be purchased," said Ravi, a regular user of BMTC.

Users of the metro in the city can buy single-journey QR tickets directly through their smartphones by the Namma Metro app or WhatsApp.

However, such a provision is yet to be introduced with regard to buses. "Technology-wise we need to implement even the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) soon. We should be able to purchase the card through the app; the conductor must issue it, similar to that of the Chalo app in Mumbai," Ravi said.

On March 25, Bengaluru's long-pending RuPay NCMC was launched. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), along with RBL Bank, have been issuing the cards to metro commuters at stations since March 30. On the other hand, users will have to wait longer before they can use NCMC on buses.

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Punjab comes to Karnataka

Punjab Chief MInister Bhagwat Mann was spotted campaigning at Coles Park, Bengaluru for Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidates in the Karnataka assembly polls. On Tuesday, he had also held a roadshow in Huballi, claiming the state wants change.

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Two time's a charm?

Activist accuses PWD executive engineer of enrolling name two times in voters' list; no individual is entitled to do the same

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Are government employees in Karnataka not following the norms to ensure free and fair elections to the state assembly? Correspondence between a social activist and election officers suggests that the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka has no time to investigate a complaint and verify whether it is genuine or fake.

KM Shankar, a social activist from Karadagere Village in Maddur Taluk, Mandya district, filed a complaint with the District Deputy Commissioner alleging that HR Harsha, Executive Engineer of PWD, Mandya, violated norms by enrolling his name at two places in Mandya Assembly constituency - Hulivana village and Kallahalli ward.

"I have been running from pillar to post to ensure no malpractices in the Mandya Assembly constituency where HR Harsha has enrolled his name at two places. I have written letters to all the authorities concerned, but in vain. My attempts to draw the Chief Electoral Officer's attention are futile. I received a reply from the Electoral Officer of Srirangapatna instead of from the Mandya Deputy Commissioner. It showcases how apathetic the officers in charge of conducting elections are," said Shankar.

According to Section 17 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, no person is entitled to be registered in the electoral roll for more than one constituency. Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 states that

File photo of people checking names in a voter's list; Harsha claims he has not enrolled twice

POLL VAULT

if any entry in an electoral roll, a statement, or declaration in writing is false, and the person either knows or believes it to be false, it is punishable with imprisonment for up to one year or with a fine or both.

Shankar complains that Harsha's in-laws are politically well-connected and that he may misuse his power to influence voters and PWD engineers assigned for election duty. "The executive engineer is equal to a gazette officer. I wanted the authorities to transfer Harsha to another constituency to prevent him from misusing his authority as an observer," he said.

> **"I have been running from pillar to post to ensure no malpractices in the Mandya Assembly constituency where HR Harsha has enrolled his name at two places**
>
> – KM Shankar, activist

Meanwhile, Harsha said that he has already told higher authorities that he did not enroll his name at two places. "Mandya Deputy Commissioner issued a notice to me on this issue. I have already replied to the notice stating that I have enrolled my name at my native and not at Kallahalli. It is true that I am residing at Kallahalli Layout in Mandya but have not enrolled my name in the voters' list," he said.

He said that the allegations made by Shankar are far from the truth. "Shankar made allegations against me with a vested interest. I am assigned as a liaison officer, not a micro-observer," he said.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

The dosa connect

There are many famous varieties of dosa in Karnataka, and one of them is Mulbagal Dosa. During a recent political rally in Kolar, PM Modi linked the popularity of the Mulbagal variety to good connectivity. In fact, many people are trying their hand at preparing local delicacies as part of the campaign. Actress Harshika Poonacha, who is also campaigning, tried her hand at making mirchi bajjis.

No Temple Visit

During a recent visit by Rahul Gandhi to a temple in Udupi, there were discussions before the Congress leader could step inside. However, he chose to stay outside and not enter. When

asked by the priest, Gandhi explained that he was following tradition as he had consumed fish earlier and did not want to cause any offense. Later, Congress leaders told the media that Gandhi was avoiding controversy during the elections, as former CM Siddaramaiah had previously sparked a debate when he entered a temple after allegedly consuming non-vegetarian food. The issue had divided society, with some claiming that Siddaramaiah had done nothing wrong, while others argued that he had hurt religious sentiments.

Role Reversal

Usually, party leaders give details about their candidates to the media, but in a recent occurrence, the reverse took place. When the BJP announced their third list, journalists sought the reaction of former CM BS Yediyurappa. However, BSY declined to comment, citing the party's failure to release the list. One of the journalists then showed the list to the BJP leader on their mobile phone. BSY read the entire list curiously and expressed gratitude to the journalist for informing him, as he had no prior knowledge of it.

Stubborn like a child

Former CM HD Kumaraswamy was recently admitted to a private hospital for treatment. When journalists asked his wife Anita about

her husband's health, she said he was doing fine and was only in the hospital for a day due to feeling a bit tired. She mentioned that her husband needs to regularly hydrate himself by drinking juice or tender coconut water, but he does not listen. When asked why she doesn't insist him to do the same, she replied that he is stubborn at times, like a child who wants to eat only curd rice.

-Sridhar Vivan

Delhi stays cool
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Operation Kaveri: 229 more Indians are back

This is 14th batch of stranded citizens to be rescued from crisis-hit Sudan; 2,400 Indians rescued as of Saturday

#New Delhi

The Ministry of External Affairs said that under Operation Kaveri, 229 more Indians rescued from Sudan have left Jeddah in a Bengaluru-bound flight on Sunday.

Ministry of External Affairs, Official spokesperson, Arindam Bagchi tweeted, "#OperationKaveri bringing citizens back home. Destined for Bengaluru, 7th outbound flight carrying 229 passengers departs from Jeddah."

On Saturday evening, 365 Indians from Sudan arrived in New Delhi under Operation Kaveri, while a flight carrying 231 Indian passengers reached the national capital on Saturday morning.

As a ceasefire has been called in Sudan, several countries, including India, are attempting to evacuate their citizens from a conflict-ridden nation. Earlier, Indian Navy ship, INS Teg, successfully evacuated 288 stranded Indians under Operation Kaveri from the crisis-hit Sudan on Saturday. This was the 14th batch of stranded citizens headed to Jeddah to return to India.

Previously, INS Sumedha, stationed at Port Sudan, had also left the crisis-hit country with 300 passengers onboard for Jeddah.

The Indian government under Operation Kaveri, is set to evacuate about 3,000 Indian-origin passengers from Sudan.

Until Friday, more than 2,400 Indians have been evacuated from Sudan, where the country is experiencing bloodshed due to clashes between the army and paramilitary forces.

The Indian evacuees shouted slogans like "Bharat Mata ki jai," and "Vande Mataram" and also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar for rescuing them from Sudan under Operation Kaveri.

Sudan is experiencing bloodshed due to clashes between the army and paramilitary forces. Fighting has erupted between soldiers loyal to Sudanese army leader Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his deputy, paramilitary Rapid Support Soldiers (RSF) commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. – ANI

Indian nationals, evacuated from violence-hit Sudan under Operation Kaveri, upon their arrival in Bengaluru

Was holed up in basement room as fighting raged outside: Rescued Indian relives nightmare

There was constant bombing and gunfire as the Sudanese army and a paramilitary force engaged on the streets of Khartoum, recalled Deepak Agnihotri, who along with seven others, was holed up in a basement room before getting an opportunity to escape the strife-torn nation.

The conflict in the north African country broke out around mid-April and India has evacuated over 1,950 of its citizens and is looking to rescue more.

"We were in touch with the Indian embassy and when we got clearance to move, we drove to Port Sudan," said the 26-year-old, a native of Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur who reached India on Thursday.

From there, "on a boat arranged by our employer, we reached Jeddah (in Saudi Arabia)", said Agnihotri, who was working for an IT firm in Sudan since 2019.

India on Sunday brought home 229 people under 'Operation Kaveri' to evacuate stranded Indians from Sudan. On Saturday, 365 people had arrived, 754 on Friday, 246 on Thursday and the first batch of 360 evacuees reached Delhi on Wednesday.

Agnihotri told reporters here, "We were in our apartments as the conflict broke out. But as supplies were dwindling, we moved to a room in the basement of our building with whatever we had." "We had just enough water and gas to cook food to survive," he said and added that once authorities gave the clearance, "we moved to Port Sudan".

He said after reaching Jeddah, he and others boarded an Indian Air Force transport aircraft and returned home. "I thank the Indian government for bringing us back home safely," Agnihotri said

"My wife returned to India on March 31 as the situation was getting tense," he said and added that the condition is worsening in the African nation. – PTI

11 people die in Ludhiana after inhaling toxic gas

#Ludhiana

Eleven people, including three children, died allegedly after inhaling toxic gas in the city's thickly populated Giaspura locality on Sunday, with high levels Hydrogen Sulphide detected in the air and authorities suspecting it was emanating from a sewer.

Four more persons, who were taken ill, are undergoing treatment at a hospital, officials said, adding the area was sealed, the residents were evacuated and a National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team was at the spot following the incident. A magisterial inquiry has been ordered into the incident while the Ludhiana Police has registered an FIR against unknown persons.

In the air quality sensors used by the NDRF team, high levels of Hydrogen Sulphide gas have been detected and this gas might have led to the tragic incident, according to an official release issued by the district administration.

The officials said they suspect that the poisonous gas was released after some chemical was disposed of in the sewerage in the area.

Giaspura is a thickly populated area with a migrant population. Several industrial and residential buildings are located there. All the victims belonged to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and had been staying in Ludhiana. The incident came to light on Sunday morning when some people who came to a local grocery store to buy milk started fainting.

Four persons died on the spot while others were rushed to the hospital. Among the dead were three members of the family that owned the store and five from another. Police said five females and six males were among the dead.

The district administration announced Rs 2 lakh compensation each for the family of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each for those who were taken ill in the incident – PTI

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team at the site after a gas leak incident in the Giaspura area, in Ludhiana district, Sunday

SC to hear pleas challenging validity of penal law on sedition

#New Delhi

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a batch of pleas, including one filed by the Editors Guild, challenging the validity of the colonial era sedition law. The Centre is expected to apprise the court of the steps taken so far with regard to reviewing the contentious penal provision.

On October 31 last year, the top court had extended its May 11 direction putting on hold the sedition law and the consequential registration of FIRs while granting additional time to the government to take "appropriate steps" for reviewing of the provision.

According to the apex court's website, a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala has listed as many as 16 petitions challenging the validity of the law for hearing.

The central government, which has to review the provision, on October 31 last year, had told the bench that it be granted some more time as "something may happen in the winter session of Parliament". Attorney General R Venkataramani had said the issue has been under consideration of authorities concerned and moreover, there is "no reason to worry" in view of the May 11 interim order, which put the use of the provision on hold.

Between 2015 and 2020, 356 cases of sedition -- as defined under section 124A of the IPC -- were registered and 548 arrested, according to data from NCRB. – PTI

TN int'l airports on alert after seizure of exotic animals

#Chennai

The authorities at the international airports in Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchu and Coimbatore are on alert after the seizure of exotic animals including 22 snakes and a chameleon from a woman passenger who arrived from Kuala Lumpur.

Customs and DRI officials have deployed special squads at all four airports and extra vigil is in place after the seizure of the exotic animals at the Chennai airport.

Green Cornsnakes, Mexican black kingsnakes, green anacondas and chameleons were also seized from the woman's checked-in bag and separate suitcases.

Customs officials intercepted the woman after specific inputs on her arrival that she was carrying the exotic animals with her.

After a long time, pet traders sent contraband from Malaysia rather than from Thailand which was earlier the hot spot for smuggling of exotic animals.

Sources in the airport told IANS that the snakes are being smuggled as they don't need food and even ventilation for survival and there are tips that more such smuggling of exotic species would take place through Tamil Nadu airports.

Customs officials said that airports in Tamil Nadu are targeted by smugglers as passengers from far eastern countries like Malaysia and Thailand to India are mostly from Tamil Nadu.

The smugglers, according to the customs officials, have tried a different airport to mislead the officials at Chennai.

According to officials, five seizures of exotic species have been made since January 1, 2023, from Chennai airport. – IANS

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It's essential

Incorporate essential oils into your skincare routine for a glow

Are you tired of the same old skincare routine that's not doing your skin any favours? Look no further than the power of essential oils for skin. These concentrated plant extracts have been used for centuries for their health benefits, but in recent years they have gained popularity in the beauty industry. From soothing lavender to refreshing peppermint, essential oils can work wonders.

What are essential oils?

Essential oils are concentrated extracts of plants. They're used in aromatherapy and other alternative medicine practices, but they can also be used to improve your skin's appearance. They're usually extracted from flowers, leaves, bark or roots by steam distillation or cold pressing.

Essential oils have been used for thousands of years for their medicinal properties; the ancient Egyptians were one of the first civilisations known to use them medicinally. In fact, many people believe that Cleopatra bathed in rosemary oil every day!

For dry skin:

Sandalwood

Sandalwood essential oil is a great choice for dry skin. It's rich in fatty acids and antioxidants, which help to hydrate the skin and prevent it from becoming too dry.

Chamomile

Chamomile essential oil is also good for dry skin because it contains chamazulene, an active ingredient that has been shown to reduce inflammation in the body. This can help reduce redness and irritation associated with sensitive or irritated skin types.

Lavender

Lavender essential oil is another favorite among aromatherapists because of its ability to calm inflammation while moisturizing the epidermis--a perfect combination if you have sensitive or irritated skin.

Myrrh

Myrrh essential oil has anti-inflammatory properties that can help soothe inflamed areas like rashes or eczema flare-ups.

For sensitive skin:

Peppermint

Peppermint essential oil is very cooling and refreshing. It helps to reduce inflammation, soothe irritated skin and improve circulation.

Tea Tree

Tea tree oil has antibacterial properties that are great for acne-prone skin or for those with oily complexions. It's also a natural deodoriser.

Eucalyptus

This essential oil is also anti-inflammatory, so it can help with redness or irritation in sensitive areas like the face or chest area that might get irritated from shaving or waxing (especially if you're prone to ingrown hairs).

Helichrysum

This essential oil has been used for centuries by Native Americans as an antiseptic agent on wounds--it's even been shown in studies at Stanford University Medical Center in California that helichrysum may be able to heal burn wounds faster than traditional treatments alone.

For oily skin:

Clary sage

This oil is great for balancing out the sebum production in your skin and reducing acne breakouts. It also has anti-inflammatory properties that help soothe irritated or inflamed skin.

> **While essential oils for skin can provide numerous benefits, it is important to be aware of potential side effects they may have**

Frankincense

This one is another great choice if you're looking for an anti-inflammatory oil that will help reduce redness caused by acne, rosacea, or other inflammatory conditions like eczema or psoriasis.

Geranium

This essential oil has astringent properties which helps tighten pores and reduce excess oil production in the face area (which is why it's often used as an ingredient in toners). It also contains antibacterial properties that can fight off bacteria on the surface of our bodies--especially helpful if you tend to get pimples on your forehead or chin.

Rosemary

Rosemary has been shown to stimulate blood flow under the skin which helps improve circulation throughout all areas of our bodies including those where we might experience breakouts such as around our nose area.[10]

For acne-prone skin:

Lemon

This oil has antibacterial properties and is a natural astringent that reduces inflammation. It also helps balance oil production in the skin, which is key in keeping it clear of blemishes.

Cinnamon

A powerful antioxidant that fights free radicals, cinnamon has been shown to reduce inflammation and reduce redness on the face by acting as an anti-inflammatory agent in the body.

Lemongrass

Lemongrass contains citral (an organic compound) which has been shown to help prevent bacteria from sticking onto your skin's surface so they can't cause infections or breakouts. It also helps speed up healing time if you do get pimples!

Thyme

Thyme contains thymol--and other compounds like carvacrol--which are known for their antimicrobial properties that fight against bacteria causing acne outbreaks.

How to use essential oils:

Direct Application

While applying essential oils directly to your skin can be a bit tricky, it can also be super effective. Just be sure to dilute the oils with a carrier oil first and do a patch test to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

Carrier Oils

If you're looking for an easy and safe way to use essential oils for skin, carrier oils are the way to go. These oils not only dilute the essential oils but also provide nourishment and hydration for your skin.

Diffuser

Ready to relax and unwind? A diffuser is the perfect way to incorporate essential oils into your skincare routine. Simply inhale the fragrant mist and let the oils work their magic on your mind and body. [13]

Bath

Who doesn't love a good soak in the tub? Adding essential oils to your bath can take your relaxation game to the next level. So go ahead, add a few drops of your favorite essential oil to your bathwater, and let the stress melt away.

Safety first

While essential oils for skin can provide numerous benefits, it's important to be aware of potential side effects. Here are some things to keep in mind:

First and foremost, essential oils are highly concentrated plant extracts and should be used with caution. If used improperly, they can cause skin irritation or allergic reactions. Always do a patch test before using a new essential oil and dilute it with a carrier oil to avoid any adverse reactions.

Additionally, some essential oils can make your skin more sensitive to the sun, which can lead to sunburns or skin damage. So, be sure to apply sunscreen if you plan on being outdoors.

Another thing to keep in mind is that essential oils should not be ingested. While they may be safe to inhale or apply topically, ingesting them can be harmful and potentially toxic.

Finally, it's important to note that essential oils are not a one-size-fits-all solution. What works for one person may not work for another, and some people may have more sensitive skin than others. Always listen to your body and stop using an essential oil if you experience any negative side effects.

Tea tree oil should not be used by pregnant women

– Mahek Jain (Femina)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I feel utterly devastated after my husband of four years told me he wanted out of our marriage and that there's no going back. He says he loves me and our baby, but he can't see a way for it to work.
We had a particularly bad weekend, during which I had a huge argument with his mum, which I think is what made his mind up. I've never got on with her, but I did try at the start. She never welcomed me - I always got the impression I wasn't good enough for her son, plus she tries to tell me what to do all the time and also complains to my husband about me.
Over the past year she's arranged a few family events which I refused to go to. I couldn't face being in her presence, being looked down.
I'm now living with my parents and spend every day wondering why my husband doesn't want to try to make the marriage work and why he never stands up for me with his mum. We were once very happy.

COLEEN SAYS

I hope he didn't choose to walk away from his marriage because of his mum and, if he did, then I think it's a blessing. However, I think there has to be more to his decision than the fact you don't get on with his mother.
You say things were good at the start and his mother was around then, so what's changed your relationship? I think it would be good to ask him for a proper explanation. You've had a baby, which can put a strain on even the most solid relationships and we've also been through lockdowns. I don't think you're getting the full story from him and I think it would help you if he were honest about his reasons.
I don't know whether you can change his mind but, if he'd agree to couples' counselling, that could be a way of finding a route back, or of easing the pain of a separation.

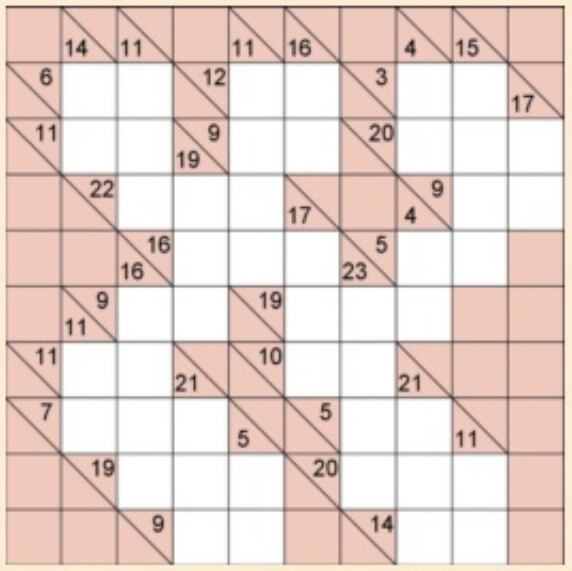
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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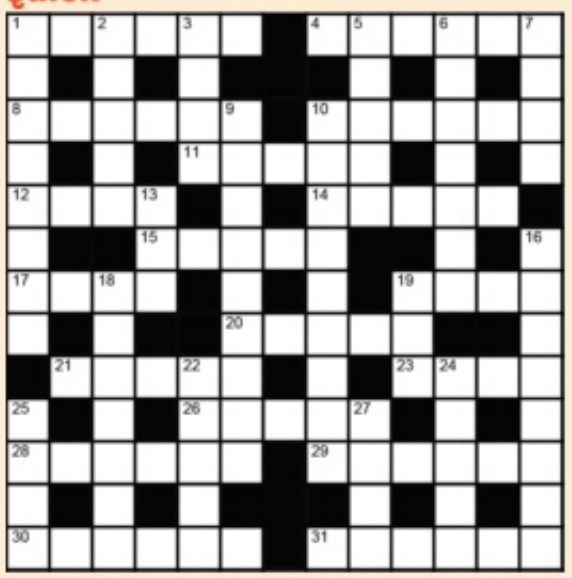


ACROSS

1 Be emphatic (6)
4 Consumed cigarettes (6)
8 Affront (6)
10 Compose or draft a document etc. (4,2)
11 Shoestrings? (5)
12 Tell __ ___ : fib? (1,3)
14 Poison (5)
15 Military blockade (5)
17 Lady of the ___ : Florence Nightingale (4)
19 Norway's capital (4)
20 Mar or damage (5)
21 Hades – "scour" anagram? (5)
23 Fall in drops (4)
26 Kid leather (5)
28 Singular (6)
29 Declare (6)
30 Defers or postpones (6)
31 Make beloved (6)

DOWN

1 Can be aped (8)
2 Japanese dish (5)
3 Window shelf (4)
5 ___ code : language of dots and dashes? (5)
6 Shows servility (7)
7 Person easily deceived (4)
9 Be at odds with (4,5)
10 Former Karnataka Chief Minister who went on to become Prime Minister of India (4,5)
13 Sixth sense, in short (3)
16 Laptop or desktop (8)
18 Warlike (7)
19 ___ hat : not modern; dated ? (3)
22 Moneylending (5)
24 Female ruff or old time judge? (5)
25 Coagulated milk (4)
27 Sports channel (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS D

SP MJK'C DKJS SEWC SP SWKC, GVC SP WAP APWML CJ GZCP NJTPGJML CJ XPC ZC.

Linemaro

Someone said beauty was a sum of parts, working together in such a way that nothing needed to be added, taken away, or altered. That's you

Mindchow

I'm not OK, you're not OK, and that's OK

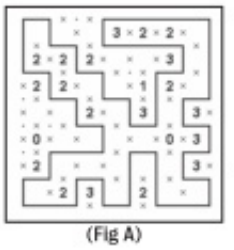
Joke of the day

What did the head trauma patients do when the price of medicine went up? They went on stroke

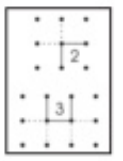
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



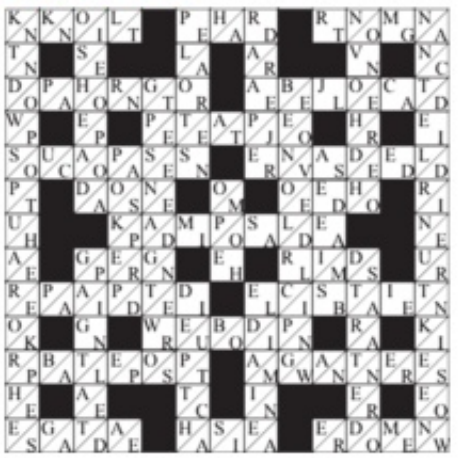
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

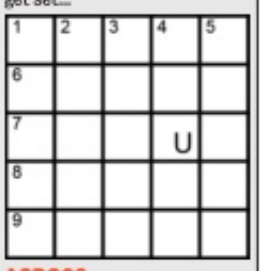
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

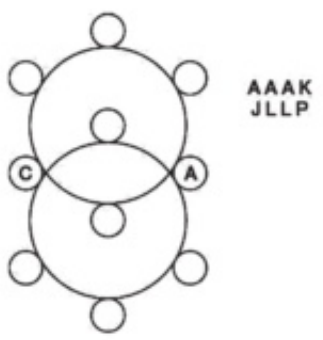
1 Reg be; 6 Ex Doe;
7 Touts; 8 A race;
9 Sawed

DOWN

1 Wears; 2 Taxer;
3 Do OBE; 4 Deuce;
5 Stage

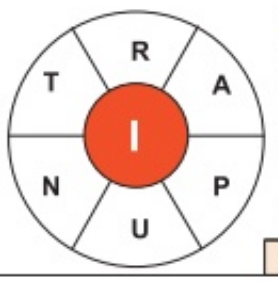
Mensapuzzle

Fill in the letters to make two animals of six letters.



AAAK
JLLP

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; **14** Good; **16** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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			1		6			
1	9						7	3
			9		7			
		3				2		
7		2	8		4	3		6
	8		3		5		9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 13
5 5 6 7

Medium = 11
2 3 5 7

Hard = 29
1 7 8 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

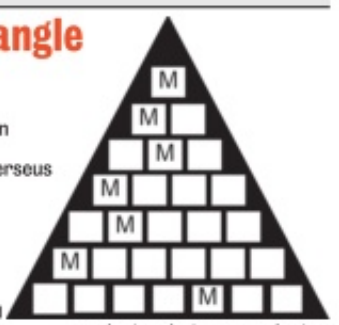
Differences: 1. Boy is smaller. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Hand is different. 4. Fence board is taller. 5. Stripe is added to sleeve. 6. Tree is moved.

Riddler

My first offers a variety of drinks My second defines the way a program thinks My whole can be read as fast as the eye blinks What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Bond's boss
2 Lambda follower
3 Large bird
4 Artist's inspiration
5 Entertain
6 Gorgon slain by Perseus
7 Took for granted



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel dull and your health may not be good. You may be arrogant, which can affect the people around you. To maintain harmony in your domestic life, it is advised to control your harsh speaking. Also, avoid making new investments, otherwise they will convert into dead stock.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is a good day for you. Investors may get good gains in their investments, which may boost your financial health. Money which was stuck may be recovered, increasing liquidity in the business. You may become confident and gain control over hidden enemies and opponents. Singles will likely find their match in the same field or workplace.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel healthy and your old diseases may be cured now. You may hear some good news from your near relatives. You may perform well in the office, and your colleagues may help you in any critical project. You may develop faith in your subordinate staff, which may increase your prestige among society. You may also hear good news in some legal matters.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel that your life becomes challenging, and you may need to take some advice from your elders to sustain the given situation. You need to keep patience. Kids' education may also make you upset, and you may have to do a short trip in terms of their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be a victim of dissatisfaction, as you may not get the results of your hard work, which may give you disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a new contract. Investment in assets may also be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions, which may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disputes between siblings will be resolved now. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project, and your confidence may be high. You are advised to keep patience while interacting with any person.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers, and you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artifacts and other stuff that will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, elders' blessings may help you develop patience, and your focus may come back, helping you achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business and domestic life, and there may be some balance between expenditures and savings, which may boost your savings.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, some dissatisfaction may come into your mind, and you may feel lazy and dull, affecting your current speed of the project or work in terms of delay. Lovebirds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job-seekers may get disappointments in terms of interviews.

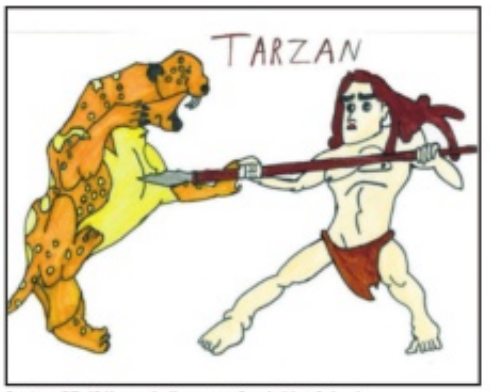
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, your internal power may make you happy, and you may get short gains in terms of investments. You may make good relations with your boss, and you may have some promotions. Your prestige in the society may be increased, and you may also expect some work-related travels.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. You may get a high position after your hard work, and your performance at work may be improved. You may also meet some influential people who may give you good direction to improve your life. You can manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost harmony in your domestic life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel happy as things may somehow get better. You may plan to visit a spiritual place, which may give you inner strength. Additionally, you may donate some amount to a charity. You may expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may find their match suitable, while singles are likely to find their soulmate.

KIDZONE

R K Yashraj, 9 Years, St. Martin's High School



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
4.(-1/2)=-1/4.(1/2) = 1/2
9.(-1/3)=-1/9.(1/2) = 1/3
27.(-1/3)=1/27.1/3 = 1/3
8.(-1/3) = 1/8.(1/3) = 1/2

RIDDLER
Bar code

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

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W	A	D	E	S

QUOTE UNCODE
We don't know what we want, but we are ready to bite somebody to get it.

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
jackal, alpaca

BULL'S EYE
inapt, input, nutria, pain, paint, pair, pint, print, PURITAN, rain, ruin, tapir, train, trip, turnip, unit

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Mu, Emu, Muse, Amuse, Medusa, Assumed.

GO FIGURE
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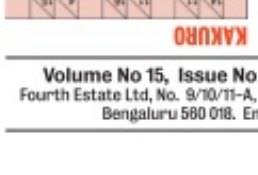
Hard
3 x 7 + 8 x 1 = 29

LOOP

KAKURO



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Met Gala with furry guest

Alia Bhatt who is all set to make her Met Gala debut this year on Saturday shared a glimpse of preparation and revealed her companion for the fashion's biggest night out.

Taking to Instagram story, Alia shared a couple of pictures with her cat.

In the first picture, she can be seen facing her back towards the camera while dressed in a black strapless gown and holding her cat.

She wrote, "Prepping for the Met..." And in the next actor can be seen showering love and kisses on Edward and captioning it, "with my own Coup-Ed."

On Sunday, Alia also shared a photo from her room in New York and captioned it "New York- You were missed."

Before Alia, a few Indian celebrities have walked the red carpet at Met Gala. It was 2017 when the global icon Priyanka Chopra walked the red carpet in a thigh-high slit gown with a popped collar, which came with a never-ending trail that became a highlight of her look. Her last appearance at the Met Gala was in 2019.

Deepika Padukone attended the Met Gala event several times. Her last appearance was in 2019.

-ANI

ROLE MODEL

Elli Avram on her style mantra and the one person whose sense of fashion she likes the most

Elli Avram came as a surprise to all when she walked the ramp for IN-IFD at the Bombay Times Fashion Week recently. The actress wasn't just confident when she walked the ramp but her two-in-one dress created a stir too.

An excited Elli, post walking the ramp, spoke to us about her style quotient and how long it takes her to get ready for events. She says, "I usually take one or one-and-a-half hours to get ready for a red carpet event and that is mainly because there are people who do your hair and makeup and it takes time."

While Elli's short black dress transforming into a royal blue gown looked spectacular on the ramp, has she ever thought about designing her wedding dress? She laughs and says, "I have been looking at so many beautiful and gorgeous wedding dresses that I feel that when I will be choosing my wedding outfit, I will be confused and would want to wear it all!"

She adds, "But I also feel that my wedding dress can have five different dresses in one which can keep changing with every step I take and at the end the final dress is revealed. That would be fun!"

Recounting the time when she first walked the ramp, the Mickey Virus actress says, "It was back home in Sweden. I always wanted to be a model, so as a kid, I used to practise walking the ramp at home. But because I was too short for their requirements, I couldn't pursue modelling. But there was this one fashion show where they wanted me to walk no matter what my height was, so I walked for them and I was very confident and walked like a tigress."

Destiny had its own plans and Elli got into Bollywood. Ask her whose sense of style she likes best in Bollywood and she says, "I love Malaika Arora's wardrobe and style. I love all her jeans, crop tops, jackets, shoes... all of them. I would like to get her wardrobe."

-ETimes

Pack up, for now

Wrapping up the first schedule of her upcoming film 'Rainbow', actress Rashmika Mandanna said the reason she went missing for a while was because she was in a "no network area".

Rashmika took to Instagram and shared a couple of BTS pictures and videos from the film sets. The pictures feature a selfie with Dev Mohan, shoot location, time spent with her mother and sister. The actress shared the pictures with the caption: "Guys sorry I went missing for a while... but guyzzzz our first schedule wrap of #rainbow Thankyou #rainbow team for your hard workkkkk... you guys are awesome)." Sharing details of the photos, Rashmika wrote all the pretty locations they shot at.

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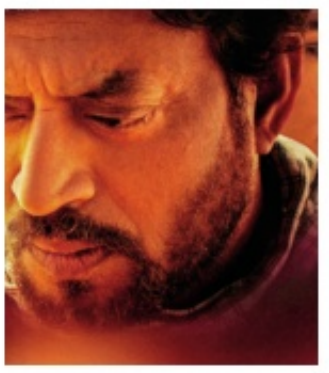
Very special screening



Actor Irrfan Khan passed away on April 29, 2020, at the age of 54, leaving all his fans shocked and heartbroken.

To pay tribute to Irrfan Khan on his third death anniversary on April 29, the makers hosted a star-studded screening of the actor's last film, The Song of Scorpions, in Mumbai on April 28.

The screening was also attended by Irrfan's son, Babil Khan.

A video has surfaced on social media, in which Babil could not hold himself and touched the photo of his late father before blowing a flying kiss at him.

-ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

When Luck smiles

Smile Manju, who has been working as a caravan driver for the last nine years, debuts as a hero in Sandalwood by playing the lead in Kannada movie Luck. A song – 90 kudi maga palti hodi – of Luck was released by Dhruva Sarja who wished the team good luck.

"I have been working as a caravan driver for nine years. I worked as a caravan driver for Golden Star Ganesh and Dhananjaya. I had an ambition to act in a movie. I have invested all my earnings all these years and also sold my agricultural land to bankroll this movie besides playing the lead role. I am grateful to Dr Shivarajkumar for releasing the poster of the movie. I also want to thank Dhruva Sarja for releasing the song," said Smile Manju.

According to director Harish, Luck was supposed to be helmed by a director and another artiste was supposed to play the lead but both of them walked out of this movie due to some unavoidable circumstances.

"I had to take up the responsibility of handling the megaphone and Smile Manju had to play the lead. I wrote the script for this movie based on a real-life incident that I experienced. A major portion of the shooting of this movie is completed. Dhananjaya is expected to play a cameo in this movie," said director Harish.

Grand muhurat

The muhurat function for Kannada movie 45 was held in Mysuru on Thursday. Dr Shivarajkumar, Upendra, and Raj B Shetty are the important star cast in this film. The muhurat shot was picturised on God and Geeta Shivarajakumar switched on the camera for it. Prominent personalities from Sandalwood attended the function.

M Ramesh Reddy is making the movie 45 under the Suraj Productions banner. Music director Arjun Janya debuts as a director and scriptwriter with this movie.

Dr Shivarajkumar said the movie 45 is a philosophical entertainer. "The pre-production work has been in progress for more than a year. Arjun Janya narrated the script to me and it is very interesting. He showed the movie in the form of animation," said Dr Shivarajkumar.

Raj Shetty, an actor-cum-director, said he was in awe after Arjun Janya narrated the script in an animation format. "Preparations made by him for this movie are amazing." Ramesh Reddy has said that he is confident about the film.

The movie will be shot in Bengaluru and Mysuru for 80 days.